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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

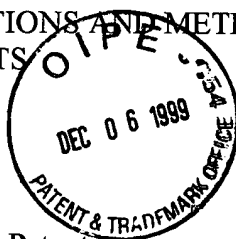
In re: Dhugga et al.

Appl. No.: 09/374,967

Group Art Unit: 1635

Filed: August 16, 1999

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR MANIPULATING GUM  
PRODUCTION IN PLANTS



November 30, 1999

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

**Before calculation of the filing fee**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In The Claims:**

Please cancel claims ~~16-22~~, ~~25-31~~, ~~34-40~~, ~~46-48~~, ~~60-64~~, and 72 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim ~~41~~, page ~~40~~, line 9, please delete "any of claims 32-40" and insert -- claim 32 -- therefor.

Claim ~~42~~, page ~~40~~, line 11, please delete "41" and insert -- 32 -- therefor.

Claim ~~43~~, page ~~40~~, line 14, please delete "any of claims 32-40" and insert -- claim 32 -- therefor.

Claim ~~44~~, page ~~40~~, line 16, please delete "43" and insert -- 32 -- therefor.

Claim ~~45~~, page ~~40~~, line 19, please delete "41" and insert -- 32 -- therefor.